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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SOVIET PRESS - DEC 7

1. U.S. COVERAGE VERY LIGHT.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE A SHORT TASS N.Y. ITEM BASED ON
CYRUS VANCE INTERVIEW WITH NEWSWEEK. BOTH PAPERS EMPHASIZE
SALT ANGLE. PRAVDA ARTICLE SAYS CARTER RECENTLY STATED THAT
STANDSTILL IN NEGOTIATIONS WAS CAUSED BY DIFFERENCES WITHIN
PRESENT ADMINISTRATION AND BY U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

KZ ARTICLE QUOTES VANCE ON GLOBAL DETENTE NOT EXCLUDING

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POLITICAL RIVALRY. IZVESTIYA RUNS A STRAIGHTFORWARD

BIO OF VANCE WHICH CONCLUDES WITH HIS RECENT COMMENT ON CONCLUSION OF NEW SALT AGREEMENT.

-- KZ HAS TASS N.Y. ARTICLE BY V. BAYDASHIN ON INFRINGEMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS IN U.S. THOUGH WIDESPREAD ACTIVITIES OF CIA, FBI, ETC.

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES A DECEPTIVELY VICIOUS PIECE BY SPECIAL TEHRAN CORRESPONDENT AKHMEDZYANOV WHO CITES DAILY "PEYGHAME EMROUZ" ON U.S. PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES IN IRAN USING IRANIAN PUBLIC AS TESTING GROUND FOR NEW MEDICINES WHICH ARE NOT YET LICENSES IN U.S.

2. OTHER COVERAGE.

-- ARRIVAL OF LIBYAN RCC CHAIRMAN QADHAFI IN MOSCOW, MEETING AT AIRPORT BY PODGORNYY, TALKS WITH BREZHNEV, PODGORNYY, KOSYGIN, AND EXCHANGE OF DINNER SPEECHES WITH PODGORNYY ALL DOMINATE M.E. COVERAGE IN CENTRAL PRESS. PODGORNYY SPEECH TO QADHAFI SEEMS STANDARD FARE EXCEPT FOR HIS SCANT REFERENCE TO GENEVA CONFERENCE. QADHAFI, ON OTHER HAND, WHILE REMAINING FRIENDLY, DID NOT HESITATE TO OUTLINE POLICY ISSUES IN WHICH HIS VIEW DIFFERS FROM THAT OF HIS SOVIET HOSTS (SEPTEL).

-- PRAVDA HAS TASS BELGRADE ITEM ON YUGOSLAV-PLO COMMUNIQUE ON OCCASION OF ARAFAT'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA.

-- AFRICA NEWS IS VERY LIGHT. KZ HAS SHORT TASS LUANDA NOTE ON PLANS OF UNITA, FNLA, AND FLEC TO CREATE--"WITH HELP OF THEIR WESTERN SPONSORS"--A NEW, TIGHTER MILITARY-POLITICAL ALLIANCE.

-- KZ ALSO HAS TASS GENEVA PIECE ON SMITH'S PLANNED RETURN TO GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA.

-- IZVESTIYA "PRESS-SERVICE" HAS SHORT NOTE ON NEW CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE. BY JUXTAPOSING BOKASSA'S RECENT CONVERSION TO ISLAM WITH HIS SELF-ANNUNCIATION AS EMPEROR, IZVESTIYA ADDS A SARCASTIC TONE TO ITS OTHERWISE FACTUAL ARTICLE.

-- LATIN AMERICA IS REPRESENTED ONLY BY PRAVDA ARTICLE ON DEPARTURE OF ROMANOV DELEGATION FROM HAVANA AND BY OBLIGATORY PRAVDA ARTICLE ON REPRESSION AND TERROR IN CHILE. YE. RUSAKOV HAS ARTICLE ON THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATTER SUBJECT IN PRAVDA WHICH IS AS MUCH ANTI-U.S. AS ANTI-CHILE.

-- ALL CENTRAL PRESS CONTINUE ROUTINE COVERAGE OF DEFMIN USTINOV'S VISIT TO BULGARIA.

-- PRAVDA HAS LONG PIECE BY TOKYO CORRESPONDENT I. LATYSHEV ON RESULTS OF JAPANESE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS WHICH EXPLAINS FAILURE OF LIBERAL DEMOCRATS AS "STRONG BLOW" NOT ONLY AGAINST LDP BUT AGAINST ENTIRE RIGHT

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